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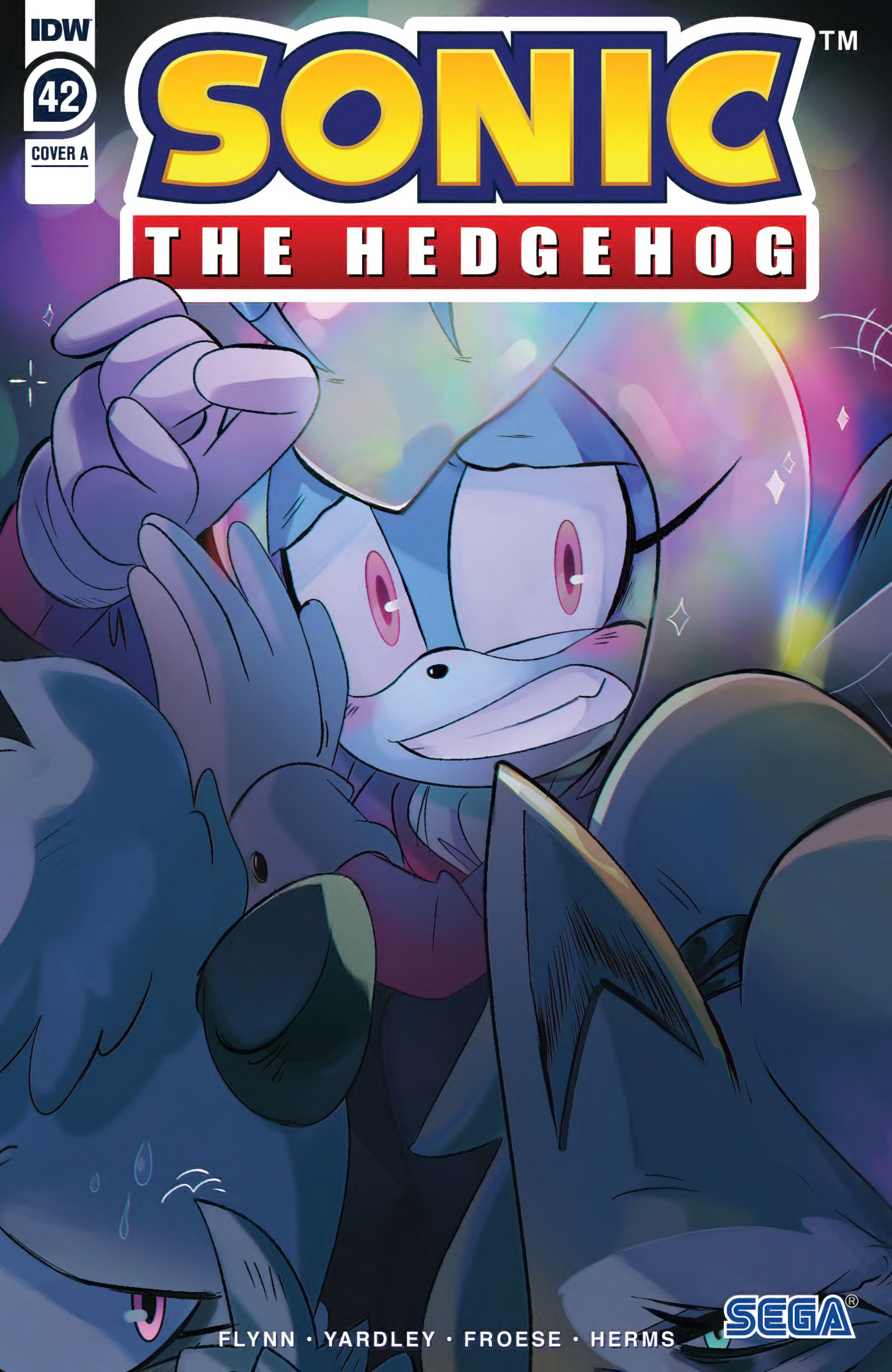

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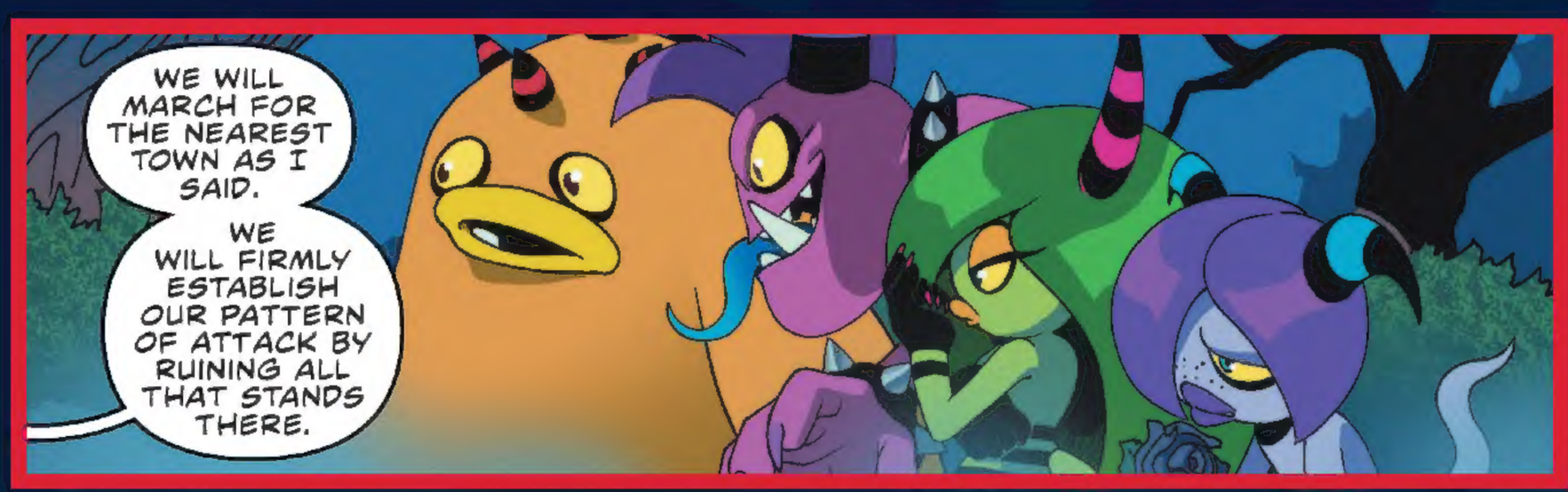
STORY SO FAR

THE OTHERS WON'T HAVE STRAYED FAR FROM WHERE I SENT THEM.*
I WILL NEED THE FULL MIGHT OF THE DEADLY SIX TO FULFILL MY REVENGE.

AND THEN WE WILL LAY WASTE TO EVERYTHING.

YOU'VE HEARD OF THE RESTORATION, YES? THEY BRING SAFETY, STABILITY, AND WORST OF ALL, HOPE.
TEAR IT OUT BY THE ROOTS, AND THE WORLD HAS NO MEANS OF RECOVERING FROM OUR VICIOUSNESS.


WE WILL MARCH FOR THE NEAREST TOWN AS I SAID.
WE WILL FIRMLY ESTABLISH OUR PATTERN OF ATTACK BY RUINING ALL THAT STANDS THERE.

AS THE HEROES RUSH TO DEFEND THE OTHER TWO TOWNS, WE WILL INSTEAD DOUBLE-BACK AND ASSAULT THE RESTORATION'S BASE WHEN ITS DEFENSES ARE AT THEIR WEAKEST.
NOW THAT IS A PLAN.

DEADLY SIX.
MARCH.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.

MILES "TAILS" PROWER
Tech-savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.

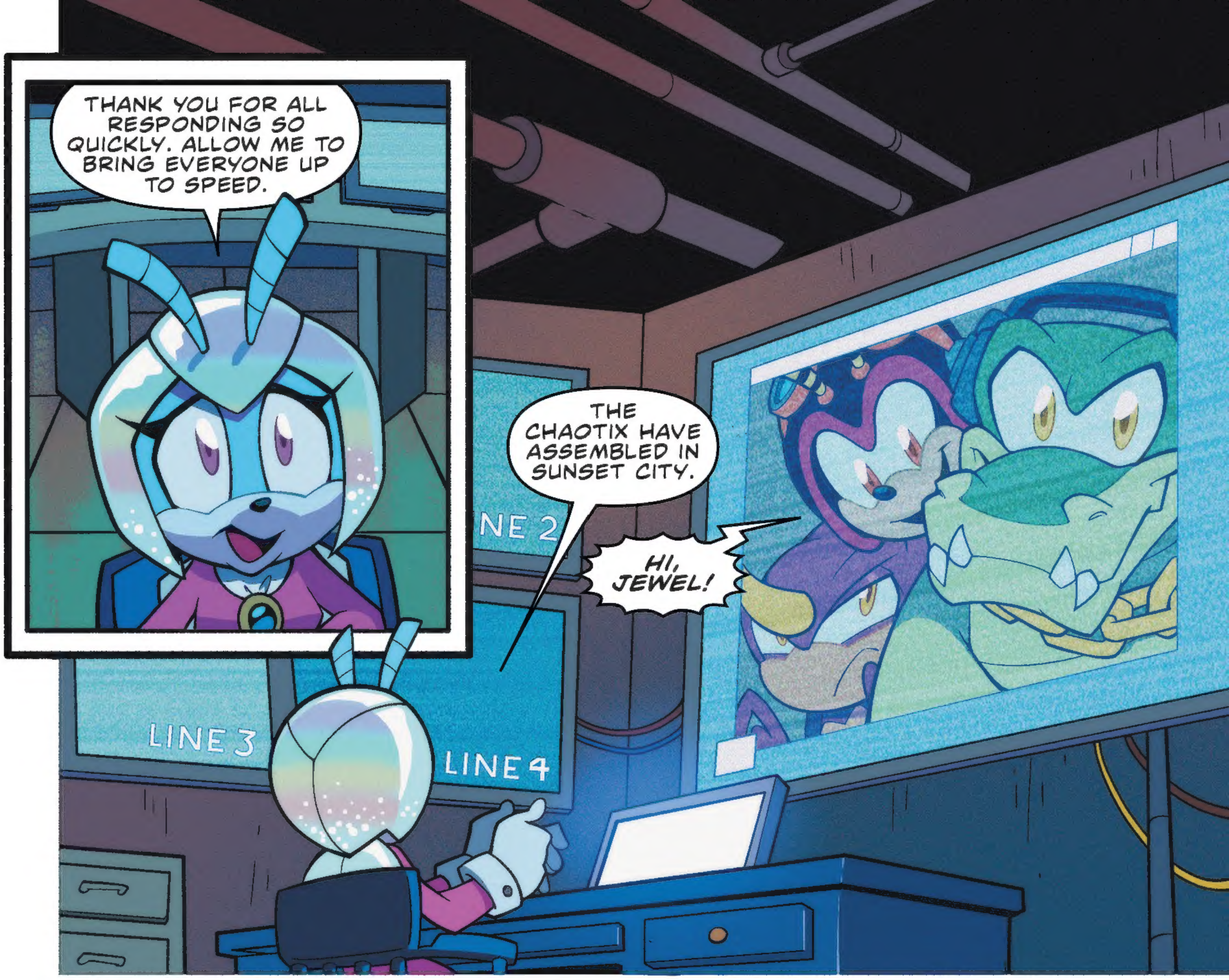
JEWEL THE BEETLE
Crystal Curator.
Restoration leader.

BELLE THE TINKERER
Clumsy Marionette.
Enthusiastic new-comer.

THE DEADLY SIX
Zeti from Lost Hex.
Zavok, Zik, Zazz, Zeena, Zomom, Zor.

THE CHAOTIX
Ace Detective Agency.
Charmy, Vector, Espio.

DR. STARLINE
Theatrical Bad Guy.
Former Eggman lackey.

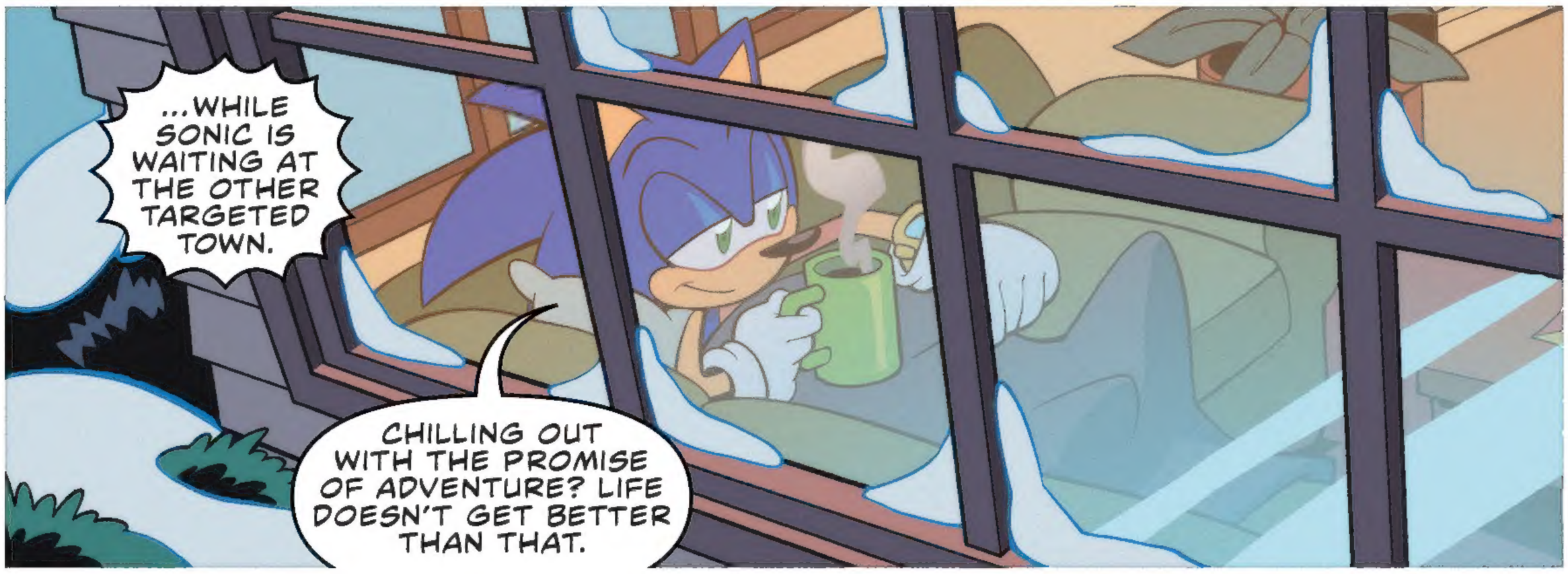

THANK YOU FOR ALL RESPONDING SO QUICKLY. ALLOW ME TO BRING EVERYONE UP TO SPEED.
THE CHAOTIX HAVE ASSEMBLED IN SUNSET CITY.
HI, JEWEL!
LINE 2
LINE 3
LINE 4

TAILS JOINS US FROM HIS WORKSHOP IN CENTRAL CITY.

AND SONIC IS IN WINTERBURG, WHICH HE REACHED IN RECORD TIME.
IT'S WHAT I DO.

VECTOR, IF YOU'D KINDLY BRIEF US?
JEWEL! HI! CAN YOU SEE ME?!
SO THE DEADLY SIX HAVE BEEN ATTACKING TOWNS.*
WE FIGURED OUT THEY'RE ALL PLACES THEY TRIED TO CONTROL DURING THE METAL VIRUS OUTBREAK.**
*LAST ISSUE!--EDS.
**STH#25-28

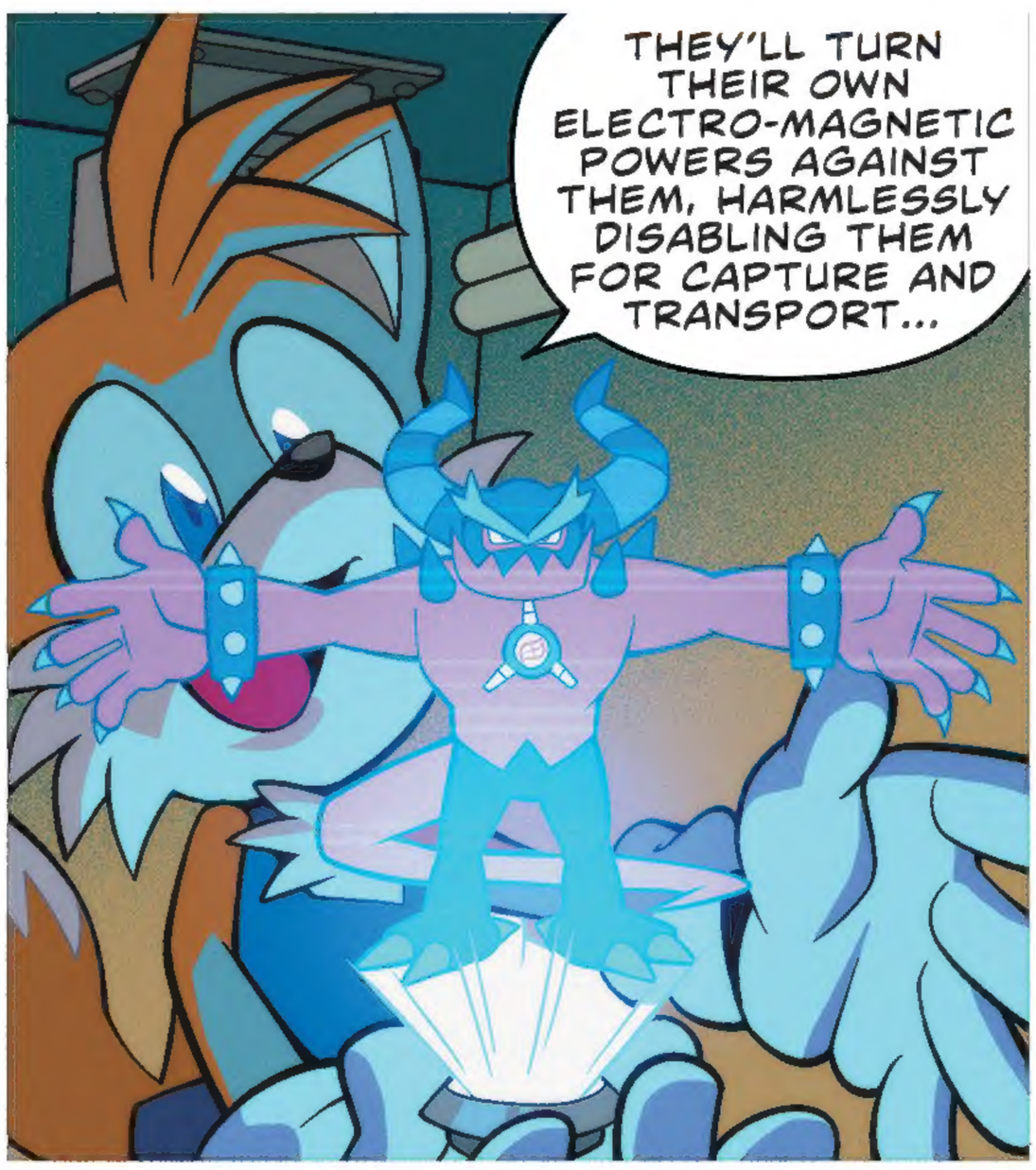
YES, CHARMY. HELLO.
HAVING DEDUCED THEIR PATTERN OF ATTACKS, I SET UP AN AMBUSH FOR THEM!
WE'LL BE WAITING FOR THEM HERE...


...WHILE SONIC IS WAITING AT THE OTHER TARGETED TOWN.
CHILLING OUT WITH THE PROMISE OF ADVENTURE? LIFE DOESN'T GET BETTER THAN THAT.

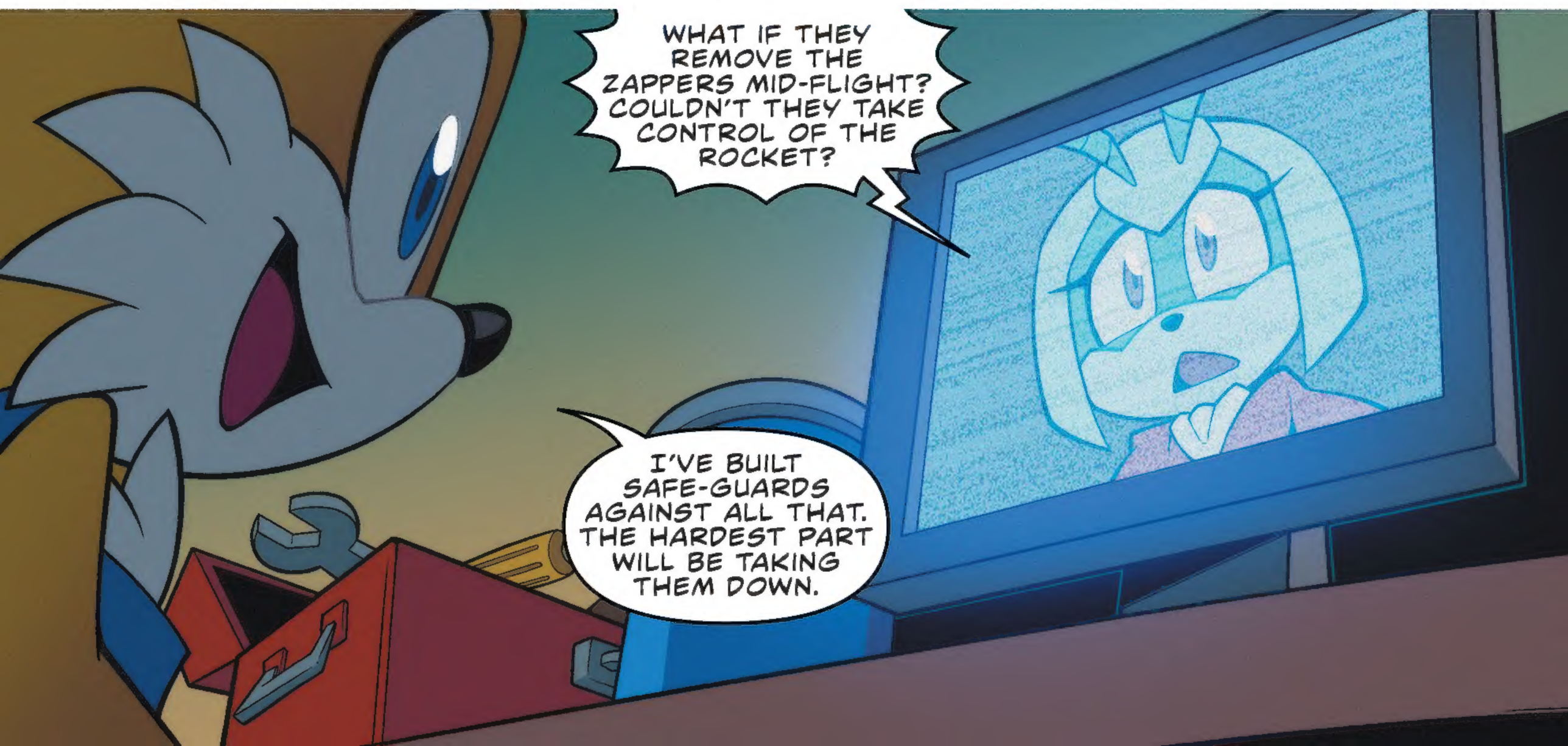
MEANWHILE, TAILS IS IN CENTRAL CITY BECAUSE IT'S... WELL... CENTRAL.
TAKE IT AWAY, LITTLE BUDDY.
WHOOPS! THAT'S MY CUE!
COFFEE

I KNEW WE'D HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE DEADLY SIX EVENTUALLY, SO I'VE BEEN WORKSHOPPING SOME OPTIONS.

I PRESENT TO YOU--THE ZETI ZAPPER!
I BUILT THEM BY REVERSE-ENGINEERING ZAVOK'S CHAOS EMERALD SIPHON.


THEY'LL TURN THEIR OWN ELECTRO-MAGNETIC POWERS AGAINST THEM, HARMLESSLY DISABLING THEM FOR CAPTURE AND TRANSPORT...

...ABOARD THE ZETI LAUNCHER!
IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY RETURN THEM TO LOST HEX WHERE THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO BOTHER ANYONE!


WHAT IF THEY REMOVE THE ZAPPERS MID-FLIGHT? COULDN'T THEY TAKE CONTROL OF THE ROCKET?
I'VE BUILT SAFE-GUARDS AGAINST ALL THAT. THE HARDEST PART WILL BE TAKING THEM DOWN.

YOU CAN TRUST IN TAILS'S TECH, JEWEL.
ALL RIGHT. I'LL KEEP EVERYONE UPDATED HOURLY.
RELAX, JEWEL. IT'LL BE FINE.

THE RESTORATION HAS WORKED SO HARD TO REBUILD.
I THINK EVERYONE WANTS TO FORGET THE METAL VIRUS WAS EVEN A THING. LIKE WE ALL WOKE UP FROM A BAD DREAM...

I'LL MAKE SURE OF THAT. I JUST FINISHED SAVING THIS TOWN FROM EGGMAN. I'M NOT ABOUT TO LET THOSE JERKS TEAR IT DOWN.

...BUT THAT'S HARD TO DO WITH ZAVOK'S CREW CAUSING HAVOC AND EGGMAN UP TO HIS USUAL MESS.*
ALL I NEED NOW IS FOR THE BABYLON ROGUES TO SHOW UP. OR WORSE...
*STH#37-40--EDS.

"...THAT EGGMAN GIGA-FANBOY, STARLINE."

EMERALDVILLE RUINS.

I CONSIDER PATIENCE ONE OF MY VIRTUES, BUT EVEN I HAVE MY LIMITS. I HAVE WORK TO DO!

WHILE THE ENCOUNTER WAS BRIEF AND... DISARMING... I COULDN'T HELP BUT TAKE NOTE OF THE BADNIK AMONG SONIC'S FRIENDS.*

*STH #36 -EDS.

THE CONSTRUCTION WAS UNORTHODOX BUT UNDENIABLY EGGMAN QUALITY. PERHAPS BUILT DURING HIS "TINKER" PERIOD?

SUCH A UNIQUE CREATION, UNLIKE ANYTHING ELSE OF HIS! ALL OF THE INSIGHTS AND NUANCES I COULD OBTAIN BY STUDYING THEM...!

...IF I COULD ONLY ACQUIRE THEM. WHICH I CAN'T. BECAUSE THEY'RE STASHED IN RESTORATION HQ. WHICH I CAN'T ACCESS EITHER.

MY TRICORE WOULD BE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO STORM THE FACILITY, BUT THAT'S DR. EGGMAN'S STYLE. NOT MINE. I'M TRYING TO BE BETTER.

AND MY HYPNOTIC TOOLS ONLY GOT ME INTO THE PRISON BECAUSE I WASN'T KNOWN TO SECURITY.*
I SHOULD ASSUME I'D BE IDENTIFIED ON SIGHT HERE.
*STH "BAD GUYS" #1--EDS.

NO, I NEED TO MINIMIZE MY CONTACTS. I'VE SEEN PEOPLE ENTER THIS SHED, BUT NEVER LEAVE. PERHAPS THERE'S A TRAP DOOR OR...

EUREKA! BUT THERE'S NO TIME TO CELEBRATE. I MUST BE EXCEEDINGLY CAUTIOUS.
I DIDN'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF ESTABLISHING ANY KIND OF DISTRACTION...

RESTORATION HQ.
MAIN ENTRANCE.
?
YAAAAAAWN
HOLY--!
BEEE
EEEEEEEEEEP

THIS IS WHAT THEY BUILT FOR THEMSELVES?
WHERE DO WE START? GIMME A TARGET! ANY TARGET!
TEAR IT DOWN.
TEAR IT ALL DOWN.
WOO-HOO-HOO-YEAH!
GIMME ALL THE TOPPINGS! ALL THE FLAVORS!
WHAT ARE THOSE?!
SHH! THEY WON'T FIND US HERE!

PREPARE FOR BATTLE! THEIR DEFENSES HAVE ARRIVED!
BWOSH
BWOSH
CRACK
CRACK
EVERYONE! TO ME!
WE WILL FIGHT THEIR SOLDIERS AS ONE!

WHERE ARE THE REST? ARE THEY LYING IN WAIT?
HEH-HEH! NO, I THINK THAT'S ALL THERE IS.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD CHERISH PEACE. THEY LIVE IN COMPLACENT HARMONY, ONLY DISTURBED BY EGGMAN'S OCCASIONAL FIT OF MADNESS. ON THOSE OCCASIONS, THEY RELY ON THEIR HEROES.
OTHERWISE, THEY SEE NO NEED TO PREPARE FOR VIOLENCE.
THEN... WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SOMEONE TAKES THEIR STUFF? OR PICKS A FIGHT, OR WHATEVER?
THEY SIMPLY DON'T. THEY ARE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE TO EACH OTHER.
GROSS. THAT'S GROSS. I HATE HOW GROSS THAT IS.
THEN WE MARCH STRAIGHT TO THE HEART OF THEIR OPERATIONS...
...AND RIP IT OUT.

ZAVOK IS ALIVE?! AND HERE?! NOW?!

NO, NO... SERENITY NOW... FEAR IS THE MIND-KILLER...

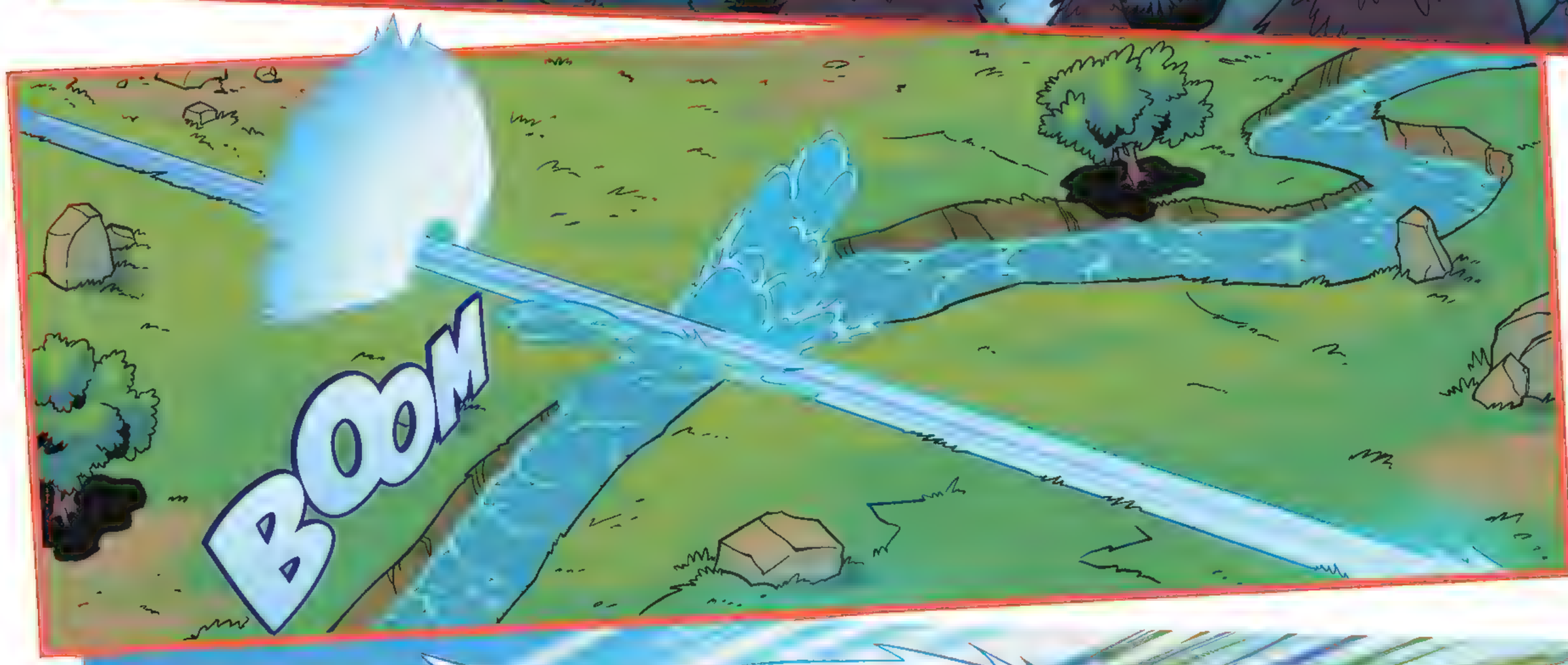
THIS... COULD BE A BOON, ACTUALLY. WHILE THOSE MONSTERS TERRORIZE EVERYONE ELSE, I CAN MOVE ABOUT MORE FREELY.

ELEVATOR
IT WOULDN'T DO TO GET CAUGHT BY ANYONE, THOUGH. I MUST BE SWIFT AND ATTENTIVE...

"...AND HOPE MY ENEMIES KEEP EACH OTHER OCCUPIED."
DOORS SEALED. IN POSITION.
HOPE EVERYONE ELSE IS OKAY.
WE'LL COVER YOU AS LONG AS WE CAN!
RESTORATION HQ TO THE CHAOTIX, TAILS, SONIC-- ANYONE! THE DEADLY SIX ARE HERE!
B-BUT WE FOLLOWED THE CLUES!
NO, WE WERE BAITED LIKE A BUNCHA CHUMPS! WE'RE ON OUR WAY!
I'M SCRAMBLING WITH THE ZETI ZAPPERS NOW! I'LL LIKELY GET THERE FIRST!
SONIC, I'LL WAIT AND WE'LL GO IN TOGETHER!
SONIC?

BOOM

BOOM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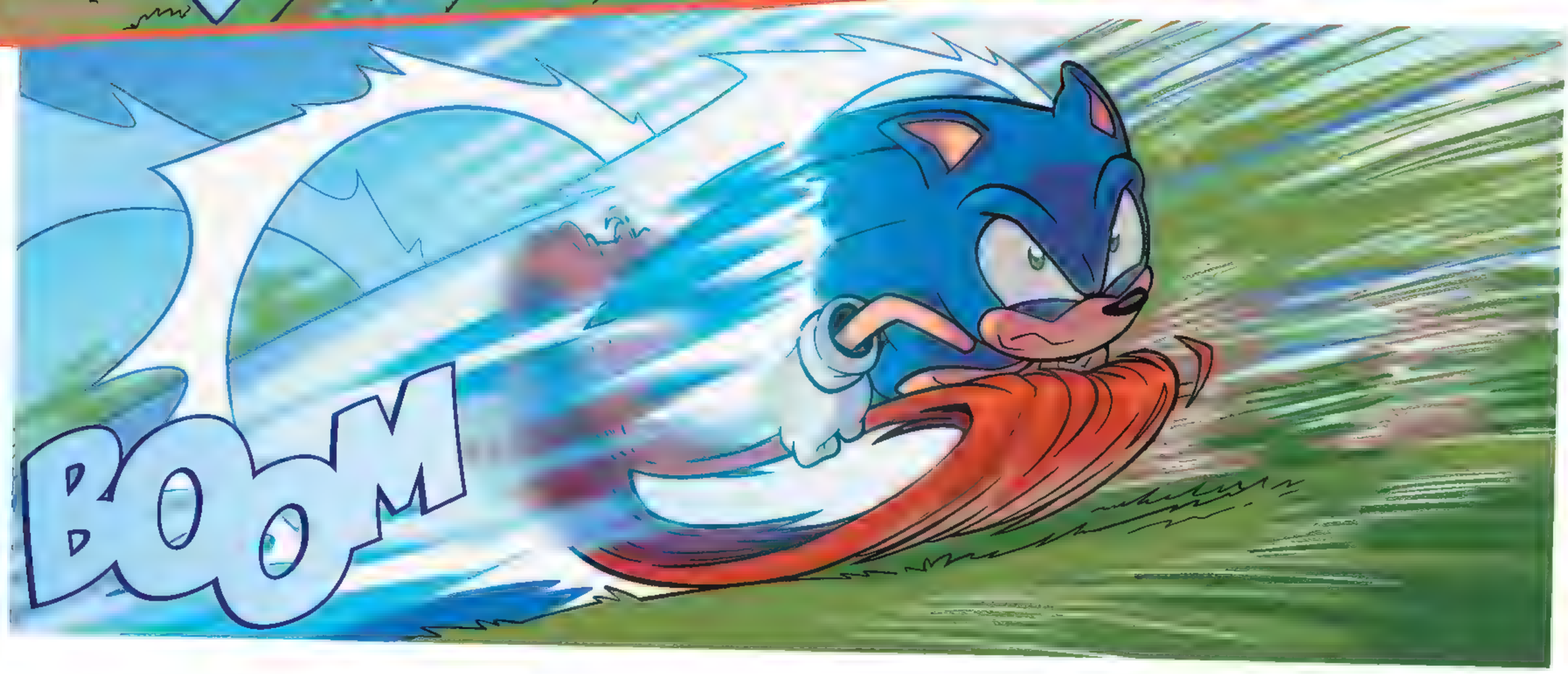
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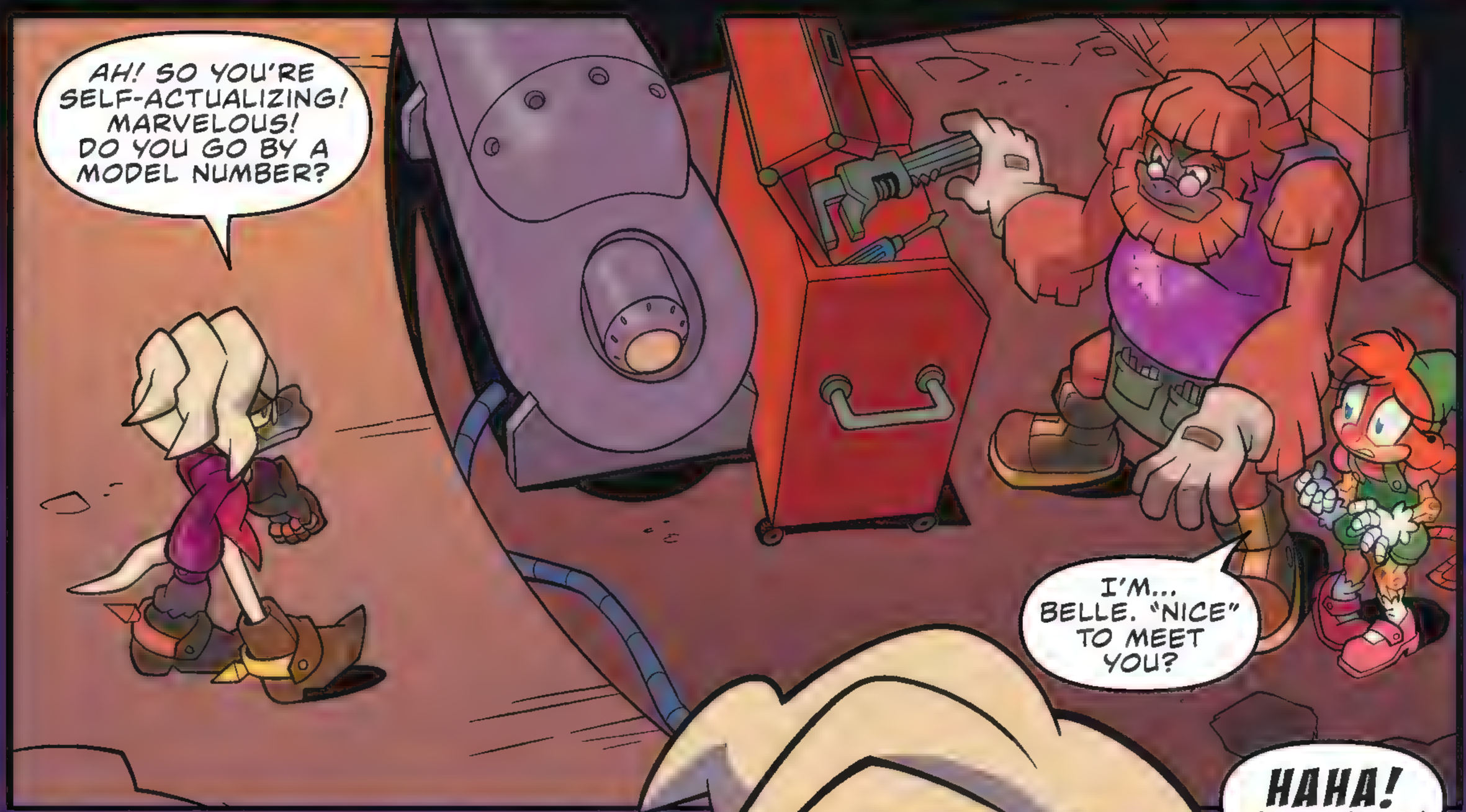
GRRR... NO CONTROL ROOM AND NO FOOD! THIS PLACE SUCKS!

THEN YOU WANT TO LEAVE AND TELL THE OTHERS THIS ROOM CAN BE IGNORED.
YEAH... OK...

THAT'S NEVER WORKED SO WELL...
FAR OUT, MAN! YOU TOTALLY SAVED THE DAY!
DON'T! THAT'S DR. STARLINE! HE'S A BAD GUY!

BUT... HE SAVED US...?
I CAN MULTI-TASK. HAND OVER THE PUPPET, PLEASE.

NOT A CHANCE. WE LOOK AFTER OUR OWN. EVEN WHEN THEY DUMP A WHOLE OIL PAN IN YOUR FACE.
I SAID I WAS SORRY.
WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?!


AH! SO YOU'RE SELF-ACTUALIZING! MARVELOUS! DO YOU GO BY A MODEL NUMBER?
I'M... BELLE. "NICE" TO MEET YOU?

HAHA! SPLENDID!
WHILE I DID GET A USEFUL SAMPLE FROM THE FRACAS AT THE CHATEAU, YOU LEFT QUITE THE IMPRESSION ON ME.
PHYSICALLY AND METAPHORICALLY.
I BELIEVE YOU'D BE PIVOTAL TO COMPLETING MY CURRENT PROJECTS. I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE HOW MUCH I TREASURE DR. EGGMAN'S WORKS. YOU KNOW I WILL HANDLE YOU WITH THE UTMOST RESPECT.

SHE AIN'T EGG-TECH, DOC. NOW, QUIT HARSHIN' OUR VIBE...

...AND GET--

OW!

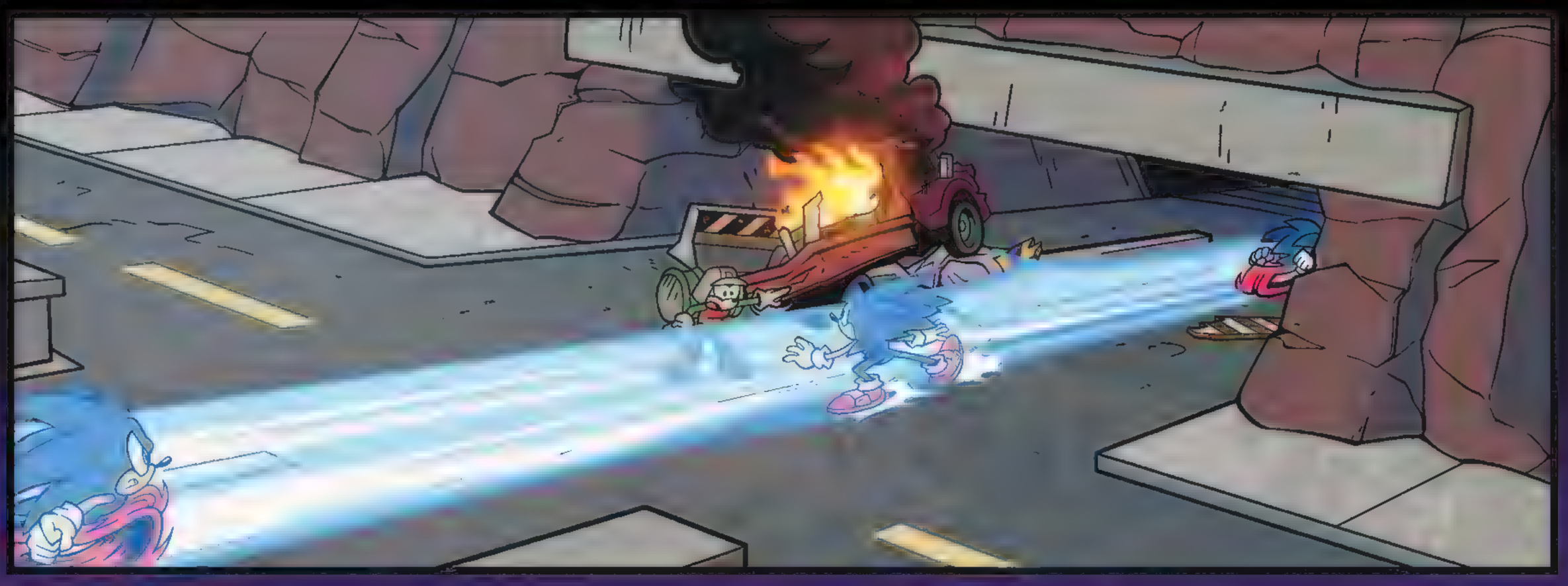
I'VE GIVEN HIM A DOSE OF TOXIN. A SECOND ROUND WILL BE THE END OF HIM.

IF WE LEAVE *RIGHT NOW*, I'D BE TOO BUSY TO FINISH HIM OFF.

D-DON'T HURT HIM! I'LL COME QUIETLY!

I'M SORRY!

THIS WAY, MISS BELLE.

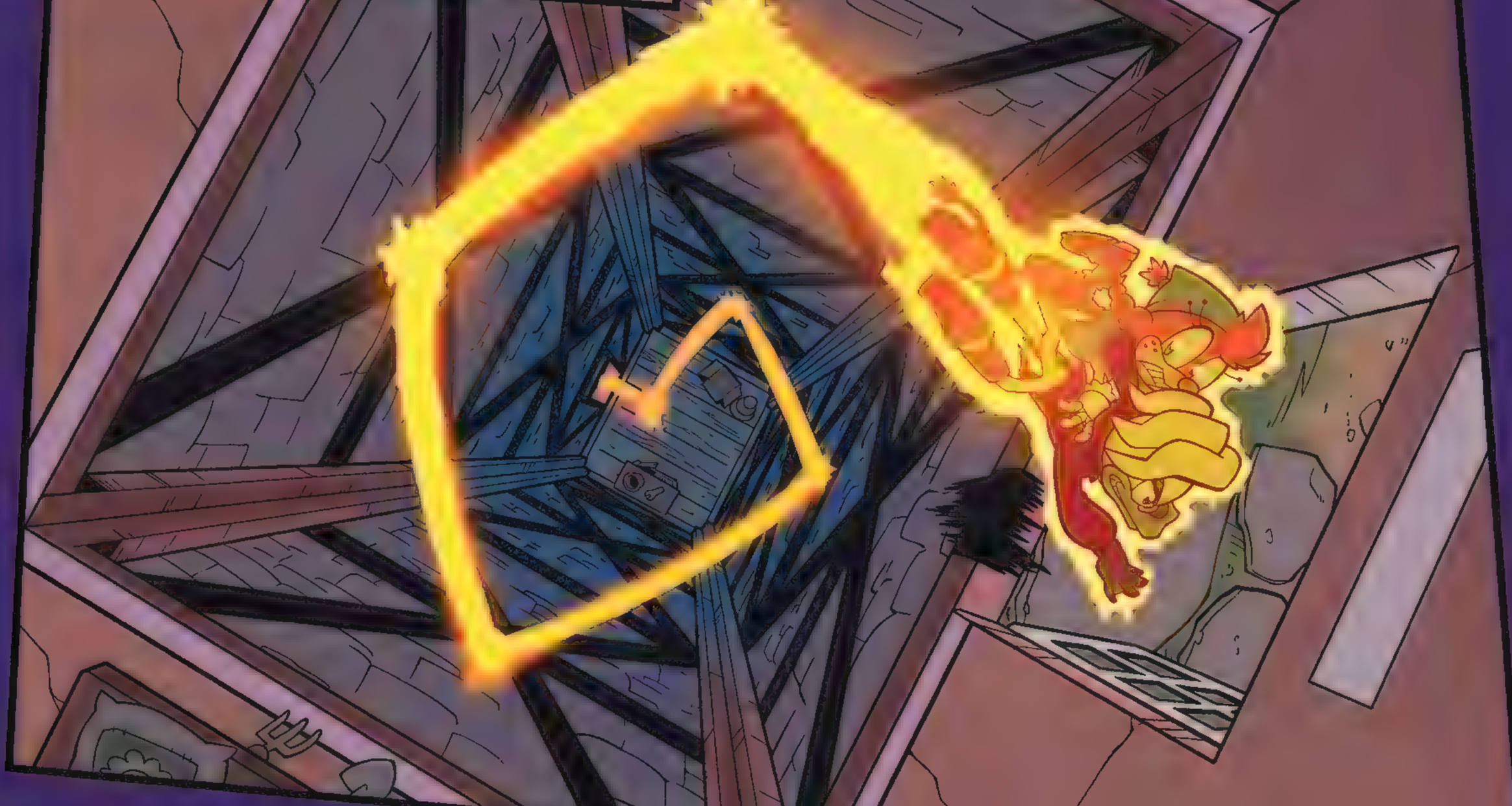


ELEVATOR
ELEVATOR

WHY IS THE BLASTED ELEVATOR OUT OF SERVICE?

I GUESS THE MONSTERS CUT A POWER LINE. OH, WELL! I'LL LEAVE YOU TO YOUR ESCAPE. HAVE A NICE DAY!

GYEEP!



NHAM

I MADE A LITTLE GAP.
IT'S THE MOST RESISTANCE WE'VE MET THUS FAR.

SCREEEECH
SUCH A CURIOUS TOMB. THE LIVING ARE INSIDE. LET'S FIX THAT.

HEYA, JERKS! AM I LATE FOR THE PARTY?
NO PARTY, HEDGEHOG. BUT YOU'RE JUST IN TIME FOR YOUR FUNERAL.
NEXT TIME: SONIC VS. THE DEADLY SIX!

NEXT MONTH

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello, Sonic Friends! The Zeti are in the building, this is not a drill! Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Tracy Yardley, Matt Froese, Matt Herms, and Shawn Lee for part two of "Zeti Hunt"! Now, let's check out your letters and art!

Hi I am eight years old and my sister is five. I have been a Sonic fan since I was four. I started playing *Sonic 2* on my dad's phone and loved it ever since. My favorite game is *Sonic Mania*. My favorite character is Sonic and my sisters is Amy. I have tons of Sonic stuff like watches, clocks, shirts, socks, hats, and comics. Our dad reads us Sonic comics and our favorite arc so far is the metal infection. Keep up the great work, we look forward to the new comic!

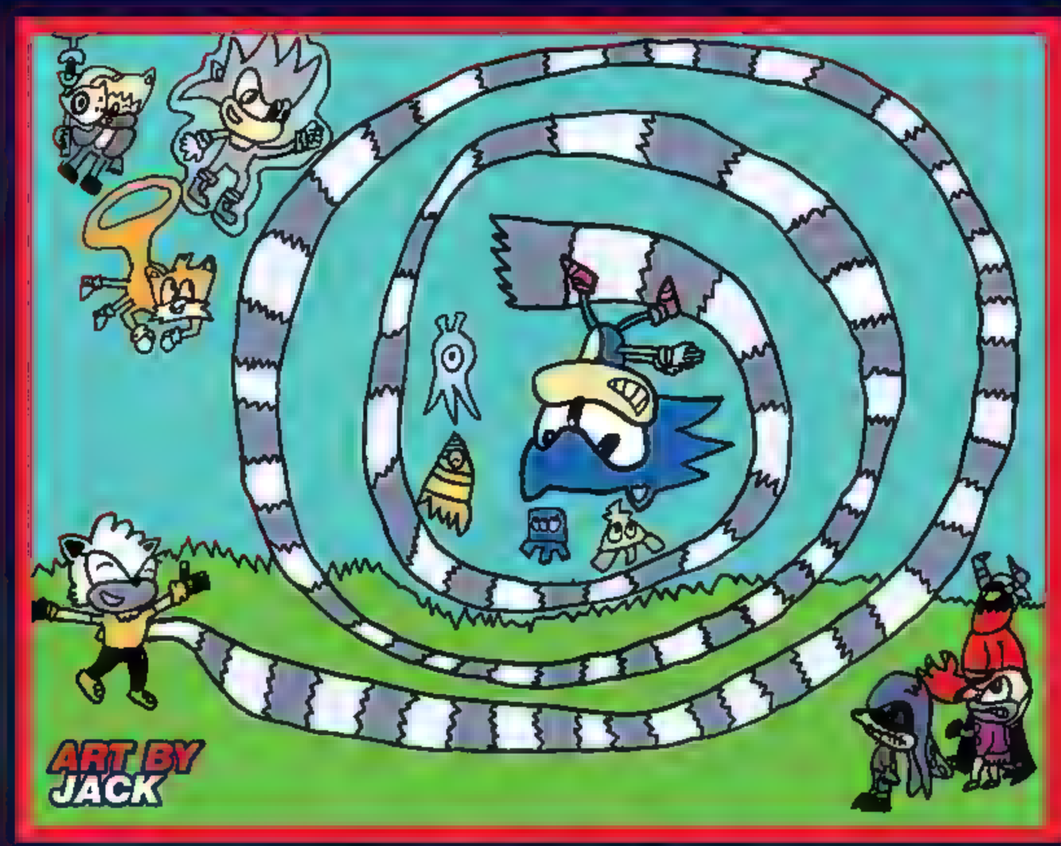
Kaiden and Makinley

Hi, Kaiden and Makinley! You two are so cute! Thank you for getting all your Sonic stuff out to show us, your collection is awesome. It looks like you'll never run out of stuffed animals to cuddle or comics to read. Sonic is a great favorite character, I mean, he's just way past cool, right? And Amy is such a great leader and fighter! I hope you two continue to enjoy the comic, thank you for your letter!

P.S. Did you hear that Sonic Colors *is going to be on the Switch soon? Maybe you'll have a new favorite game after that!*

I'm such a bundle of emotions right now. I just read the finale of "Test Run" just minutes after it released digitally and I just. I love Belle. I love Tangle. And of course I love Sonic and Amy and Tails.

And most of all? I love Evan Stanley's writing. Everything from the action scene to Belle's nervous talk to Eggman's extraordinarily written self-congratulatory rant were expertly done. Every

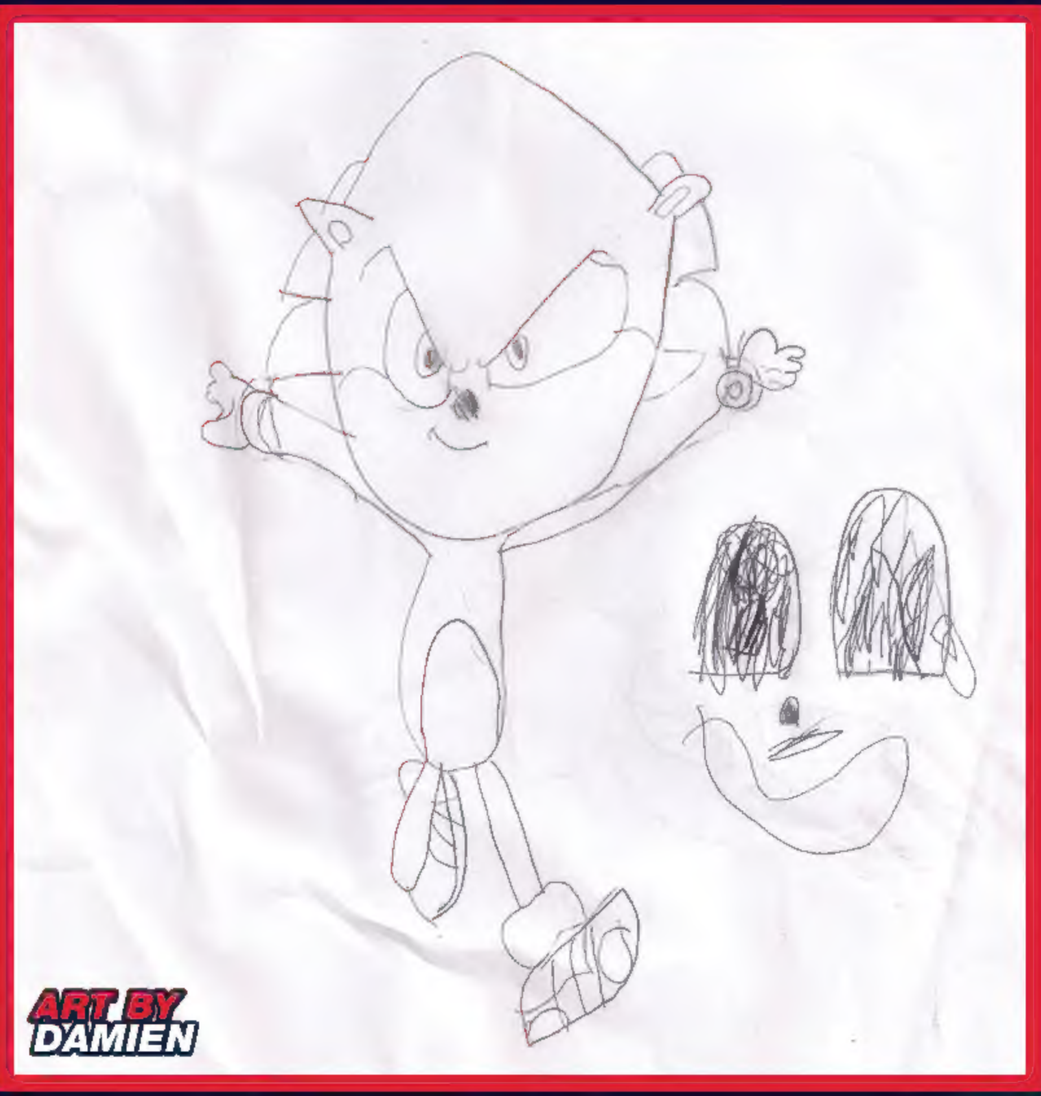


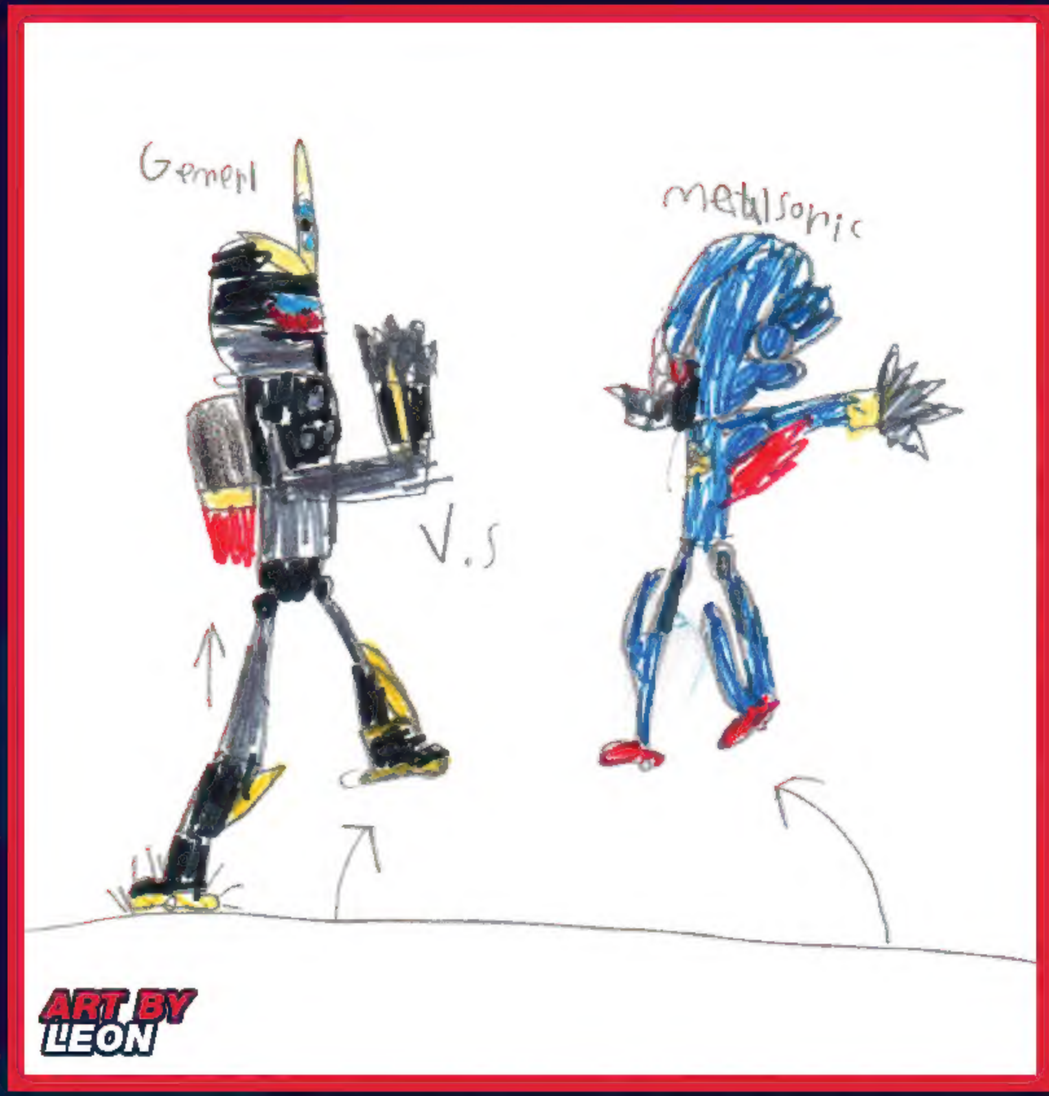
time she writes I'm reminded of why I love this series. She's truly why I come back to the comic time and again.

Thank you for this comic. Thank you Evan Stanley for understanding Sonic in a way few comic writers ever have. Thank you.

Cluster

Hi, Cluster. Wow! What kind words for Evan. I have to agree. One of the things she's best at is getting to the emotional core of every character. It makes for wonderful stories but as a reader, it sometimes breaks your heart! Now that Belle knows the truth about her "dad," do you think she'll move on and become part of the





Restoration? Or does part of her still hope for Mr. Tinker? Oh, I can't wait to see more character development from her!

Hey Sonic Team!

My name is DK and I have been a fan of the Blue Blur ever since I first picked up my Sega Genesis Controller when I was a kid. Since then Sonic has been a huge part of my life and I have to say that I am loving the new stories in which the Blue Blur finds himself. I've recently been getting good at making perler art and so in honored of his Anniversary, I thought I would share some way past cool coasters I made that I'm going to give out to my own friends at our party to celebrate Sonic's Anniversary!

What do you think?
DK

Hi, DK! Whoa, these perler coasters are way past cool. I can't believe you're having a 30th Anniversary Party for Sonic, that sounds so fun. I'm a bit jealous! Does it involve lots of chili dogs and Chao soda? I'd avoid loop-de-loops, though… especially if you have a stomach full of chili dogs… Thank you for your kind words and have fun at your party!

Hi Sonic Team,

My name is Leon, I'm 8 years old.

I think Gemerl is pretty awesome with a cool but strange name. And Cream is pretty adorable.

I really like your Sonic comic books, and they really sound awesome.

But not only are they awesome, they are inspiring.

I have a few questions for you:
1) How can I get the numbers that are sold out in the comic store?
2) What inspires you to make comics? I like to make comics myself, and I would like to know.

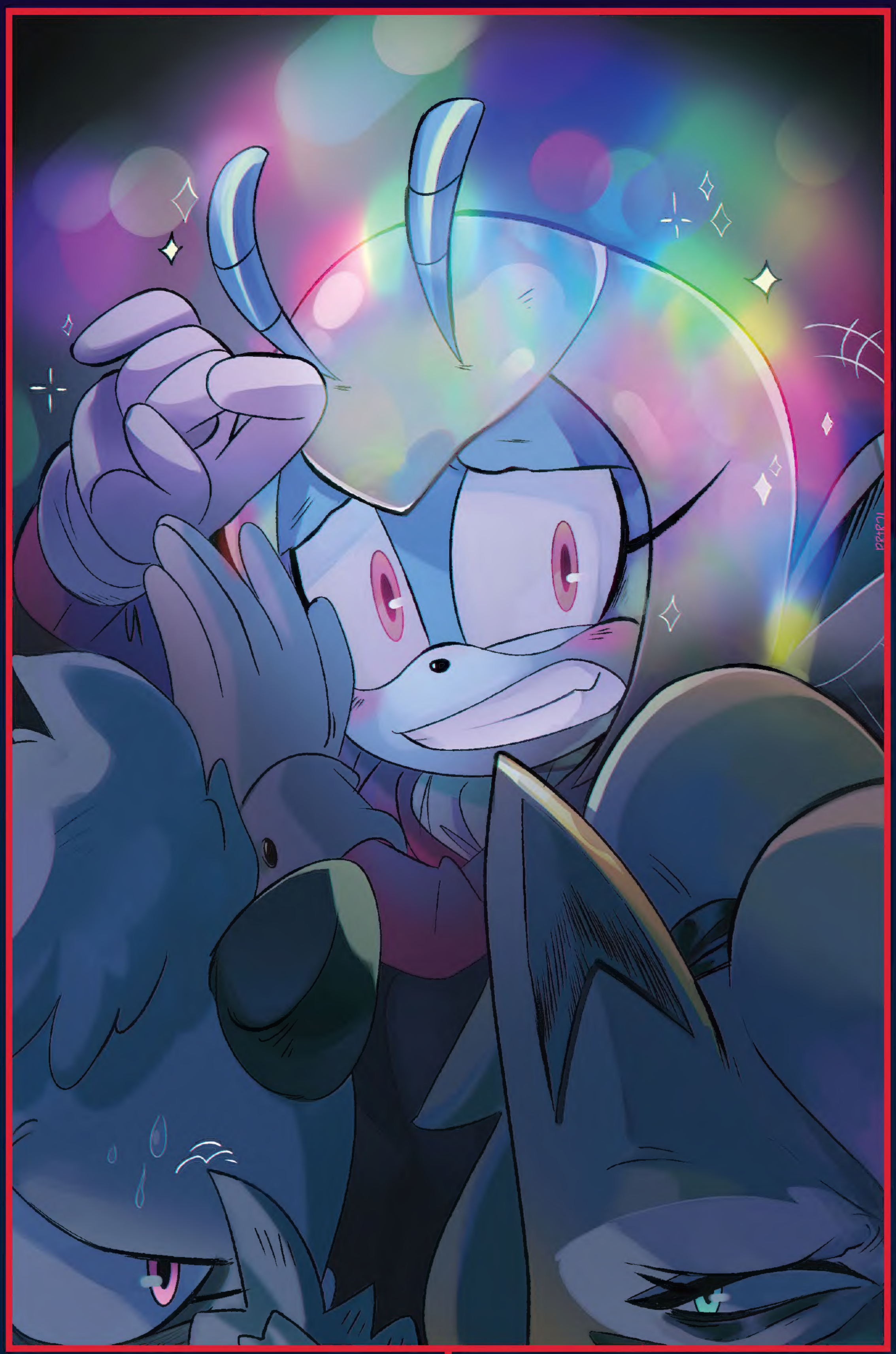
Thank you for making this comic! Your comics are pretty cool.

I made a fanart for you, hope you like it!

Stay safe!!
Leon.

Hi, Leon! Thank you for thinking our comics are awesome and inspiring and cool, that's the best compliment ever. To answer your questions: sometimes other comic stores will have older issues, and sometimes you can find copies online, but the best way is to get the trade paperbacks that collect multiple issues. As far as inspiration goes… the best advice I ever got was from a teacher who told me "The best writers are readers." Basically, reading comics that other people have created can inspire you to make comics of your own. Sometimes you'll see a cool dialogue balloon or panel that will inspire new ideas or drawings that you may have never thought of before. You're off to a good start, though, with reading Sonic. Good luck with your comic!

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, SONIC versus THE DEADLY SIX "Zeti Hunt" part three!



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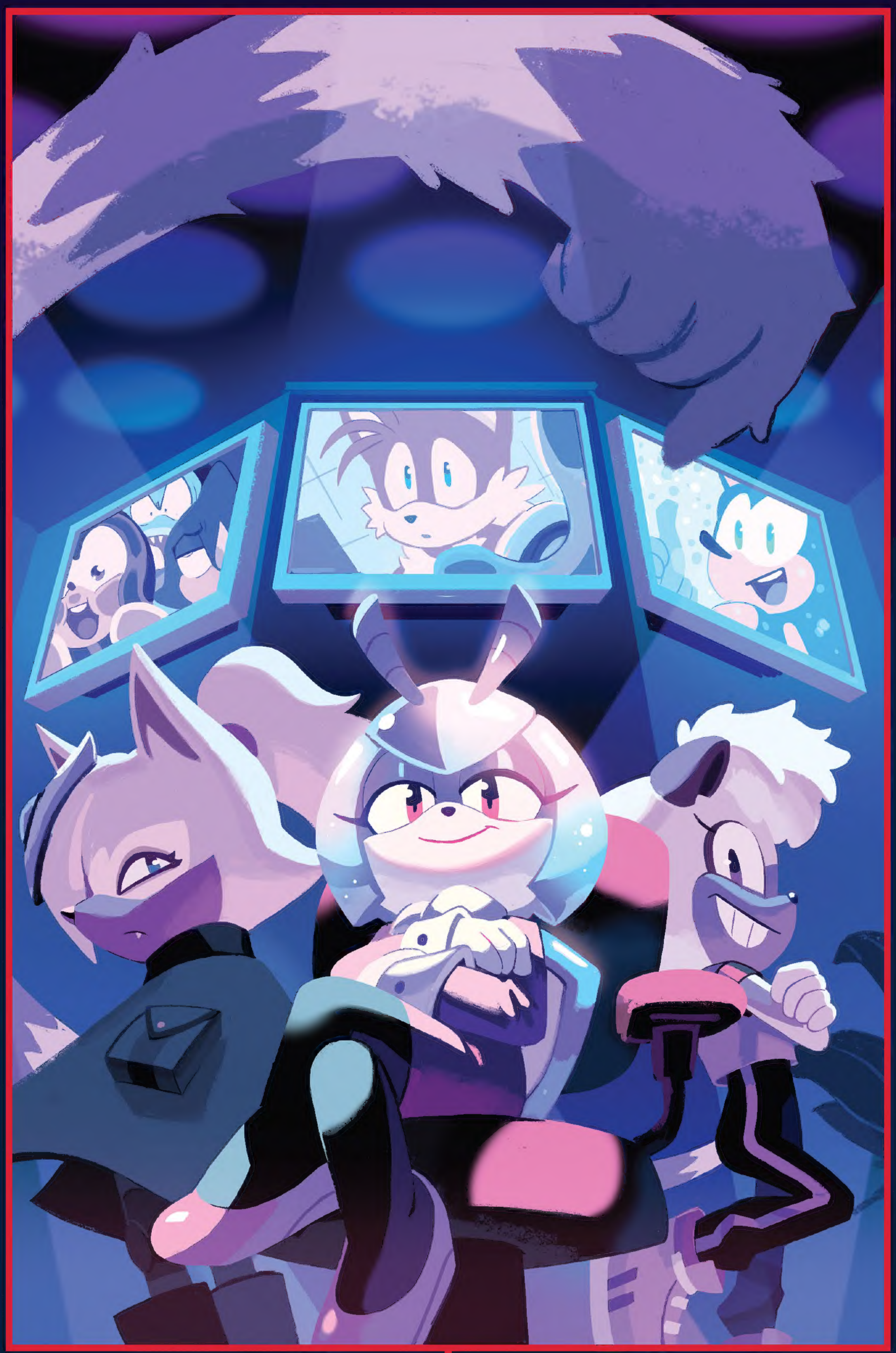

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